

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15, 220, 27-31, 34 and 38 are currently amended. Claims 17, 21-26, 35-37 and 39 are canceled. No new matter is added. Reconsideration is urged in light of the amendments above and comments below.

I: The rejection of claims 1-16, 18-20, 27-38 and 40-43 under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph

The present claims are enabled. No undue experimentation would be required to understand material may be characterized as fully water soluble, however still have a solid form. Reconsideration is urged in light of these comments and the amendments above.

II. The rejection of claims 1-16, 18-20, 27-38 and 40-43 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph

Applicants submit that the claims as amended herein are clear. One of ordinary skill in the art would understand the term fully water soluble in light of the specification and understand that something can be fully water soluble and still maintain a solid form, even when contacted with liquid. Reconsideration is urged in light of the amendments above and comments herein.

III. The rejection to Claim 15

Claim 15 is currently amended. Reconsideration is urged.

IV. The rejection of Claims 1, 4-10, 12-16, 18-20, 27-29, 34-35, 38 and 40-43 under 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a)

Reconsideration is urged in light of the amendments above.

V. The rejection of claims 2-3 and 36-37 under 35 USC 103(a)

Reconsideration is urged in light of the amendments and cancellations above.

VI. The rejection of Claims 1-7, 10-11, 27-38 and 40-43 under 35 USC 103(a)

Applicants traverse this rejection. Initially, Applicants note that the cited references are devoid of any finding that high-shear treatment is an efficient way of

improving the average strength of particles. Accordingly, the Examiner has not made a *prima facie* case for obviousness.

Notwithstanding this traversal, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the amendments above.

VII. The rejection of claim 8 under 35 USC 103(a)

Reconsideration is urged in light of the amendment above.

VIII. The rejection of claims 8 and 9 under 35 USC 103(a)

Reconsideration is urged in light of the amendment above.

X: Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Should any additional fees be due the USPTO is authorized to charge the deposit account of Novozymes North America, Inc, i.e., Deposit Account No. 50-1701.

Respectfully submitted,

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